नेपाल को निर्यात की जाने वाली वस्तुएं

*265. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय नेपाल को किन-किन वस्तुओं का निर्यात होता है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि नमक आदि जैसे भारतीय सामान को नेपाल में बहुत ऊंचे मूल्य पर बेचा जाता है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप नेपाल के लोगों के मन में भारत की छवि खराब हो रही है जैसा कि विभिन्न समाचार-पत्रों में छपे समाचारों से पता चलता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या-क्या उपचारी कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० शिवशंकर) : (क) भारत से नेपाल को निर्यात होने वाली मदों में शामिल हैं : वस्त्र धागा, फैब्रिक्स तथा तैयार वस्तुएं, मशीनरी तथा परिवहन उपस्कर, रासायनिक पदार्थ एवं सम्बद्ध उत्पाद, तम्बाकू तथा तम्बाकू उत्पाद, कागज की वस्तुएं, गैर-धात्विक खनिज उत्पाद, लोहा तथा इस्पात, धातु निर्मित माल जिनका अन्यत्र उल्लेख नहीं है तथा नमक सहित अनिवार्य मदें ।

(ख) सरकार की जानकारी में ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं आई है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Afforestation of 'Critical Zones'

*267. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PARTAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to declare certain ecologically devastated areas as critical zones;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether such critical zones will also be afforested; and

(d) if so, what are the schemes for afforestation which are likely to be implemented in these critical zones in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of zones in the country are critically degraded needing restoration on priority. So far, declaration of the Doon Valley as an ecologically fragile zone is being considered in consultation with the U. P. State Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Reclamation of the abandoned limestone mines is already in progress. A 5-year integrated Watershed Management Project for the Doon Valley with emphasis on soil conservation and afforestation has been prepared by the U. P. Government. Afforestation programme covers rehabilitation of 29,750 ha. of degraded forests including farm forestry and plantation of fuel and fodder yielding species.

Bringing of the wages of child labour at par with that of Adult Labour

*268. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any directions to the State Governments to bring the wages of child labour at par with that of adult labour in pursuance of their policy of gradual elimination of child labour;

(b) if so, the salient features of the directions issued in this regard; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government to

ensure that State Governments implement these directions faithfully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to fix the same wages for adult and child workers. The matter will be followed up if necessary.

Development of Wasteland

*269. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of (i) National Landuse and Wastelands Development Corporation and (ii) National Wastelands Development Board;

(b) whether the organisations referred to above have taken any initiative for wastelands development in the Union Territory of Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof areawise/placewise;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to develop such land, particularly near the various small railway stations/railway lines in the Union Territory of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) A statement showing their functions is placed on the table of the House (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. A centrally sponsored scheme for "Rural Fuelwood Plantation and Afforestation of Eco-sensitive Non-Himalayan Areas" is under implementation in the Union Territory of Delhi. Further a "Delhi Wasteland Development Project" has been prepared with a view to meet the fuelwood and fodder requirements and to develop forests in the Union Territory of Delhi with an outlay of Rs. 170 lakhs to cover an area of 2000 ha. in a period of four years.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Plantation alongside of railway tracks has been taken up by Delhi Administration under social forestry schemes from the year 1984-85.

Statement

Role and functions of National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council and National Wastelands Development Board.

(1) **National Landuse and Wastelands Development Council**

The Council will be the highest policy planning and coordinating agency for all issues concerning the health and scientific management of the country's land resources. It will oversee the work of the National Wastelands Development Board and the National Landuse and Conservation Board. Recommendations of these Boards which involve larger policy issues will be placed before the Council for taking a final view.

(2) **National Wastelands Development Board**

The principal aim of the Board shall be to bring under productive use, wastelands in the country through a massive programme of afforestation and tree planting. To this end, it will undertake the following main functions:

(i) Formulate within the overall National Policy, Perspective Plan and Programmes for the management and development of wastelands in the country.

(ii) Identify the wastelands in the country to be covered under the programme of the Board.

(iii) Review the progress of implementation of programmes and schemes for the development of wasteland by different agencies within and outside the Governmment.